

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A modular arrangement (10, 110) in the field of telecommunications comprising:
  - a first contact module (16) adapted to be mounted to a carrier (18) in the field of telecommunications and having plural contacts (26, 28) arranged in plural pairs, which are adapted to connect wires (30, 32) therewith,
  - at least one functional module (14) fittable to the first contact module (16) and comprising at least two pairs of contacts (58, 60, 62, 64), at least one pair (62, 64) of which is electrically connectable with at least one pair of contacts (26, 28) of the first contact module (16) by fitting the functional module (14) to the first contact module (16), and
  - at least one second contact module (12, 112) fittable to the functional module (14) and comprising at least one pair of contacts (46, 48), which are electrically connectable with a pair of contacts (58, 60) of the functional module (14) by fitting the second contact module (12, 112) to the functional module (14), the contacts (46, 48) of the second contact module (12, 112) further being adapted to connect wires (42, 44) therewith.
2. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with claim 1~~, according to claim 1 wherein contacts (26, 28) of different pairs of the first contact module (16) are electrically connectable at a disconnection point (34), the at least one pair of contacts (62, 64) of the functional module (14) being connectable with the at least one pair of contacts of the first contact module (16) at the disconnection point (34).
3. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with claim 1 or 2~~, according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) further comprises at least one PCB (36).

4. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 3,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) comprises at least one electrical circuit.
5. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 4,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) comprises at least one splitter circuit.
6. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any or one of claims 1 to 5,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) comprises at least one test and/or monitoring circuit.
7. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 6,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) comprises a connector, ~~such as a sub-D interface (24).~~
8. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 7,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) comprises at least one protection component, ~~such as an overvoltage and/or an overcurrent protection component.~~
9. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 8,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein the functional module (14) comprises at least one grounding member (40).
10. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 9,~~  
according to claim 1 wherein contacts (46, 48) of different pairs of the second contact module (12, 112) are electrically connectable at at least one disconnection point (50, 54), the at least one pair of contacts (58, 60) of the functional module (14) being connected with at least one pair of contacts (46, 48) of the second contact module (12, 112) at the disconnection point (50).
11. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with claim 10,~~ according to claim 10 wherein the contacts (46, 48) of the second contact module (12, 112) are exposed at a

~~front, a first front and a first~~ disconnection point ~~(50) being~~ is accessible from ~~[[a]] the~~  
rear of the module.

12. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with claim 10 or 11,~~ according to claim 10 wherein a second disconnection point ~~(54)~~ is accessible from ~~[[a]] the~~ front of the module.
13. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 12,~~ according to claim 1 wherein the second contact module ~~(12)~~ is configured identical or similar to the first contact module ~~(16)~~.
14. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 13,~~ according to claim 1 further comprising at least one PCB ~~(20)~~ to which at least one first contact module ~~(16)~~ is connectable.
15. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 14,~~ according to claim 1 further comprising at least one protection module ~~(56)~~ suitable to be fitted to the second contact module ~~(12, 112)~~.
16. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 15,~~ according to claim 1 further comprising a carrier ~~(18)~~.